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SUBJECT: LORD MAYOR OF COPENHAGEN PROTESTS DENIAL OF VISA TO COMMUNIST

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1. URBAN HANSEN, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LORD MAYOR OF COPENHAGEN, AND A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US, CALLED ON DCM OCTOBER 28, IN ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO PROTEST DECISION IN NYSTROM CASE AND TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION. HANSEN EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS LEAVING THAT DAY FOR THE UNITED STATE (PRIVATE VACATION) AND MEXICO (CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AT GUADALAJARA), BUT THAT HE FELT CONSTRAINED BEFORE LEAVING TO EXPLAIN HOW "A LITTLE MAN" VIEWED SUCH A DECISION, IN THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT PROMPT A CHANGE OF POLICY.

2. HANSEN STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS POLICY STEMMED
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FROM A TIME WHEN THE COMMUNIST THREAT WAS VIEWED DIFFERENTLY;

NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS "IRRIATING" TO THINK THAT US STILL USED VISA DENIAL AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL PROTECTION. IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR FRIENDS OF THE US TO UNDERSTAND. IN CONNECTION WITH PRIMIN HARTLING'S TOUR OF CHINA RECENTLY, ONE DANISH EDITOR WAS DENIED A VISA BECAUSE OF HIS POLITICAL CONNECTIONS. IN DISCUSSING THIS CASE WITH THE PRESS HANSEN SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE US.

3. DCM AND LABOR ATTACHE MADE APPROPRIATE POINTS AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL AND INFORMED HANSEN THAT HIS DEMARCHE WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT. THUS FAR THE NYSTROM CASE HAS NOT AROUSED PRESS REACTION IN COPENHAGEN, BUT THE CALL BY THE LORD MAYOR MAY WELL BE REPORTED.
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